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SUBJECT: DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS--AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU
CALL ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ

1. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ
AFTERNOON AUGUST 3 TO INFORM USG OFFICIALLY OF DEATH OF
PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. NIMETZ EXPRESSED APPROPRIATE CONDO-
LENCES. DIMITRIOU URGED THAT USG BE REPRESENTED AT AUGUST 8
FUNERAL SERVICES AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL, POINTING OUT
THAT SUCH A GESTURE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY CYPRIOT
PEOPLE. COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT COMPOSITION OF US DELE-
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GATION HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED.

2. AFTER SHARING PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF MAKARIOS,
DIMITRIOU TURNED TO QUESTION OF SUCCESSION. HE NOTED THAT
KYPRIANOU'S FRAGILE HEALTH MADE EVEN HIS CONTINUED TENURE
AS ACTING PRESIDENT QUESTIONABLE. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE
HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED BY NICOSIA THAT PARTY LEADERS ON

CYPRUS HAD DECIDED NOT TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION FOR
PRESIDENCY WITHIN 45 DAYS AS CALLED FOR IN CONSTITUTION, BUT
RATHER TO WAIT UNTIL REGULARLY-SCHEDULED ELECTION NEXT
FEBRUARY. IF HIS HEALTH PERMITTED, KYPRIANOU WOULD SERVE AS
ACTING PRESIDENT UNTIL THEN.

3. AS HE TOOK HIS LEAVE, DIMITRIOU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
THE US WOULD KEEP AN EYE ON TURKEY AND NOT ALLOW IT TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION ON CYPRUS.
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